

Party	Leader/Observers	Date	# in party	Party hours	Area(s) surveyed						
A	Steve Chorvas	15 Jan.	5	8.50							
B	Mark DeDea	15 Jan.	3	7.00							
C	Lin Fagan	14 Jan.	4	3.50	Ulster County						
D	Hans & Carol Weber	15 Jan.	2	3.00	See pages 2 - 6 for area descriptions.						
E	Selden Spencer	14 Jan.	2	3.00							
F	Ev & Bob Rifenburg	15 Jan.	3	6.25							
G	Miscellaneous	15 Jan.									
H											
I											
J											
Species/Party	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	Total
Goose, White-fronted											
Snow	2						4				6
Canada											
Brant	1085	82	35		603	1215	60				3080
Swan, Mute	45			2		1					48
Trumpeter											
Tundra											
Wood Duck											
Gadwall											
Wigeon, Eurasian											
American											
Am. Black Duck	5	2	1			4					12
Mallard	1541	30	55	45	3	36					1710
Mallard X Black											
Blue-winged Teal											
Northern Shoveler											
Northern Pintail											
Green-winged Teal											
Canvasback		2									2
Redhead			11								11
Ring-necked Duck											
Tufted Duck											
Scaup, Greater											
Lesser											
not to species											
Eider, King											
Common											
Harlequin Duck											
Scoter, Surf											
White-winged											
Black											
not to species											
Long-tailed Duck			2								2
Bufflehead											
Goldeneye, Common	2000	15	102		4						2117
Barrow's											
Merganser, Hooded	2		2								4
Common	12	22	13	7	26	12					92
Red-breasted						4					4
Ruddy Duck											
Loon, Red-throated											
Common											
Grebe, Pied-billed											
Horned	2										2
Red-necked											
Eared											
Cormorant, D.-crested											
Great											
American Coot											
Other/Unidentified											
TOTAL OF ABOVE	4694	153	221	54	636	1272	64				7094

Date: January 14-15, 2006

Ulster County – Narrative and Field Conditions

Nineteen observers in six field parties conducted a county-wide survey of significant waterfowl habitat throughout Ulster County on January 14-15th in conjunction with the annual NYS Winter Waterfowl Count.

The survey recorded **13 species** and **7,094 individuals**. Highlights include 48 Mute Swans, 11 Redheads, 2 Long-tailed Ducks, 2121 Common Goldeneye, and 4 Red-breasted Mergansers. The majority of the Common Goldeneye were observed on 15 January at 09:22 AM from Bristol Beach State Park in extreme northern Ulster County. Five large flocks, consisting of ~2000 individuals, were observed lifting from the water and flying south over the Hudson River.

Weather and field conditions on both dates were not particularly conducive to waterfowl counting. Saturday, 14 January, an intermittent rain persisted throughout most of the day, temperatures reached a balmy 49° F, and a very dense fog formed over open water, substantially limiting visibility, especially along the Hudson River. On Sunday, 15 January, a cold front produced strong, bitterly cold NW winds with gusts exceeding 40 mph and a temperature range of 17-22° F. Visibility was much improved over the previous day, under partly to mostly sunny skies. Temperatures during the week preceding the count were generally above average.

Major bodies of water were 100% open, but churning vigorously. Moving streams and creeks were very high and flowing strong in their channels. Backwaters were relatively calm and hospitable, but smaller ponds, lakes, and reservoirs were largely frozen. Cornfields were predominantly covered with just a dusting of snow, however, no waterfowl were encountered in traditionally productive fields for the second consecutive year.

The Hudson River was surveyed from Bristol Beach State Park (Saugerties), Malden Park, Saugerties Lighthouse, Glasco Riverfront Park, Ulster Landing County Park, Rider Park, Ulster Town Park, Immigrant's Way, Kingston Point, Kingston Rotary Park, Sleightsburgh, Port Ewen Beach, River Road (Esopus), Esopus Meadows, Lamont Landing, Black Creek confluence, Mid-Hudson Bridge (Highland), and North Road (Milton).

Additional areas surveyed include The Great Vly in Saugerties; Esopus Creek from the Ashokan outflow to confluence with Hudson River; Rondout Creek; Wallkill River from Orange County line to confluence with Rondout Creek; Sawkill Creek; Plattekill Creek from Ulster County line south; Black Creek; Ashokan Reservoir (upper and lower basin); Lower Rondout Reservoir (Ulster County); Saugerties Reservoir; Kingston Reservoirs #1 and #4; Cooper Lake; Williams Lake; Binnewater Lakes; Kenozia Lake; Onteora Lake; Sturgeon Pool; North Road Pond; and Stone Ridge Pond on Mill Dam Road.

Seven Bald Eagles (5 Adults, 2 Imm.) were observed during the count, all were sighted over the Hudson River. Two adults at Bristol Beach SP, two adults and two second-year birds at Ulster Landing Park, and one adult at Esopus Meadows. No neck-banded geese or swans were observed during the count.

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Date: January 15, 2006

Ulster County – Field Parties, Effort, Area Descriptions, and Count Analysis

Participants: Steve Chorvas, Alan Beebe, Jayne Dean, Peter Schoenberger, Charles Woodruff

#	Area Surveyed – Sector A	Start Time	End Time
1	The Great Vly (95% frozen)	08:00 AM	08:30 AM
2	Bristol Beach State Park – Hudson River (~2000 COGO flying south at 9:20 a.m.)	09:00 AM	09:35 AM
3	Malden Park (STP) – Hudson River	09:45 AM	09:55 AM
4	Lower Esopus Creek (Lighthouse Drive)	10:00 AM	10:10 AM
5	Saugerties Lighthouse – Hudson River	10:10 AM	10:50 AM
6	Saugerties Beach – Esopus Creek	10:55 AM	11:10 AM
7	Esopus Bend Nature Preserve	11:15 AM	12:30 PM
8	Glascow Riverfront Park (STP) – Hudson River	12:40 PM	12:45 PM
9	Glenerie Falls (Esopus Creek at PVI bridge south to Falls)	12:50 PM	01:00 PM
10	Wynkoop Road Bridge – Esopus Creek	01:15 PM	01:20 PM

Total	Species	Area →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
419	Canada Goose		5	400			5	9				
35	Mute Swan		17				16	2				
3	American Black Duck					3						
141	Mallard		2	28		93	2	6	10			
2000	Common Goldeneye			2000								
12	Common Merganser			3			9					
2610	TOTALS	Species: 6	24	2431		96	32	17	10			

#	Area Surveyed – Sector A	Start Time	End Time
11	Lomontville Flats (Hurley Mountain Road Corn Fields)	01:20 PM	01:40 PM
12	Fording Place and holding ponds – Esopus Creek	01:30 PM	01:40 PM
13	Stone Ridge Pond (Mill Dam Road)	01:45 PM	02:25 PM
14	Ashokan Reservoir – Esopus Outflow (Spillway Road)	02:45 PM	02:55 PM
15	Ashokan Reservoir – Lower Basin	100% Open	03:10 PM
16	Ashokan Reservoir – Upper Basin	100% Open	03:45 PM
17	Kenzioia Lake	Frozen	04:10 PM
18	Onteora Lake	Frozen	04:15 PM
19	Saugerties Reservoir	Frozen	04:30 PM
20			

Total	Species	Area →	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2	Snow Goose				2							
666	Canada Goose		16		650							
10	Mute Swan				10							
2	American Black Duck				2							
1400	Mallard				1400							
2	Hooded Merganser				2							
2	Horned Grebe						2					
2084	TOTALS	Species: 7	16		2066		2					
4694	SECTOR TOTALS	Species: 9				Notes: ~2000 COGO in five flocks at stop 2				Bald Eagles: 2 (A) 0 (Imm)		

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Ulster County – Field Parties, Effort, Area Descriptions, and Count Analysis

Participants: Mark Dedeo, Kyla Haber, Mary Jo Wilshire

#	Area Surveyed – Sector B	Start Time	End Time
1	Ulster Landing Park – Hudson River	07:30 AM	08:00 AM
2	Town of Ulster Rider Park – Hudson River	08:05 AM	08:20 AM
3	Town of Ulster Post Park – Hudson River	08:25 AM	09:00 AM
4	Kingston Point Beach – Hudson River	09:15 AM	09:25 AM
5	Kingston Rotary Park	09:30 AM	09:40 AM
6	Kingston Point Lagoon	09:40 AM	09:45 AM
7	Immigrant’s Way (Brickyard Area) – Hudson River	09:50 AM	10:05 AM
8	Immigrant’s Way (Tilcon Area) – Hudson River	10:20 AM	10:35 AM
9	Glenerie Blvd. – Esopus Creek	10:45 AM	11:00 AM
10	Clint Finger Road – Esopus Creek	11:15 AM	11:20 AM

Total	Species	Area →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16	Canada Goose				16							
2	American Black Duck							2				
14	Mallard				2		4	8				
2	Canvasback								2			
15	Common Goldeneye								15			
13	Common Merganser		2	2	2		4		1	2		
62	TOTALS	Species: 6	2	2	20		8	10	18	2		

#	Area Surveyed – Sector B	Start Time	End Time
11	Brigham Lane – Esopus Creek	11:25 AM	11:30 AM
12	Sawmill Road	11:35 AM	11:40 AM
13	Rt. 209 (Ulster Town Hall)	11:45 AM	
14	Farm To Market Road – Esopus Creek	11:50 AM	12:00 PM
15	Thruway Bridge (Tourism Caboose)	12:05 PM	
16	Dutch Village Walk	12:08 PM	12:18 PM
17	Ulster Landing Park – Hudson River	01:45 PM	02:00 PM
18	Town of Ulster Rider Park – Hudson River	02:05 PM	02:10 PM
19	Kingston Point Beach – Hudson River	02:20 PM	02:30 PM
20			

Total	Species	Area →	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
66	Canada Goose			8	27	31							
16	Mallard		6		6			4					
9	Common Merganser						1				8		
91	TOTALS	Species: 3	6	8	33	31	1	4			8		
153	SECTOR TOTALS	Species: 6	Notes:							Bald Eagles: 2 (A) 2 (Imm)			

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Ulster County – Field Parties, Effort, Area Descriptions, and Count Analysis

Participants: Lin Fagan, Lynn and Allan Bowdery, Ruth Elwell

#	Area Surveyed – Sector C	Start Time	End Time
1	South side of the Rondout Creek east of Rt. 32 N on James Street	09:00 AM	09:10 AM
2	North side of the Rondout Creek east of Rt. 32 N on Creeklocks Road to Rt. 213	09:15 AM	09:55 AM
3	New Salem Lake and area behind the Marina	09:55 AM	10:15 AM
4	Abeel Street along the Rondout Creek from bridge at Eddyville to Millen’s on the Strand	10:15 AM	10:40 AM
5	Hudson River from Esopus Town Beach to Esopus Meadows (almost all seen at Meadows)	11:10 AM	12:00 PM
6	Mtn. Hill Road/Cutler Hill Road back to Rt. 23 N at DeWitt Mill Rd.	12:05 PM	12:25 PM
7			
8			
9			
10			

Total	Species	Area →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
35	Canada Goose				7		28					
1	American Black Duck							1				
55	Mallard			33	15	1	1	5				
11	Redhead						11					
2	Long-tailed Duck						2					
102	Common Goldeneye						102					
2	Hooded Merganser							2				
13	Common Merganser			2		9	2					
221	TOTALS	Species: 8		35	22	10	146	8				
221	SECTOR TOTALS		Species: 8		Notes:						Bald Eagles: 1 (A) 0 (Imm)	

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Participants: Hans and Carol Weber

#	Area Surveyed – Sector D	Start Time	End Time
1	Parker Avenue (Esopus - just up hill from Lamont Landing) – Hudson River	02:05 PM	
2	Lamont Landing (Esopus) – Hudson River	02:17 PM	02:30 PM
3	Winding Brook Road – Black Creek and Hudson River	03:11 PM	
4	Mariner’s Restaurant (Highland)	03:53 PM	03:56 PM
5	North Road Pond (Milton - just before Buttermilk Inn and Spa) – Hudson River	04:49 PM	
6	Buttermilk Inn and Spa (Milton) – Hudson River	04:52 PM	
7			
8			
9			
10			

Total	Species	Area →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	Mute Swan							2				
45	Mallard						2	43				
7	Common Merganser		2	3	1	1						
54	TOTALS	Species: 3	2	3	1	1	2	45				
54	SECTOR TOTALS		Species: 3		Notes:						Bald Eagles: 0 (A) 0 (Imm)	

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Ulster County – Field Parties, Effort, Area Descriptions, and Count Analysis

Participants: Selden Spencer, Bea Conover

#	Area Surveyed – Sector E	Start Time	End Time
1	Walkkill River – Walkkill village to Rosendale	09:00 AM	
2	Rondout Creek – Rosendale, west of the Rt. 32 bridge		12:00 PM
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Total	Species	Area →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
603	Canada Goose											
3	Mallard											
4	Common Goldeneye											
26	Common Merganser											
636	TOTALS	Species: 4										
636	SECTOR TOTALS		Species: 4	Notes:							Bald Eagles: 0 (A) 0 (Imm)	

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Participants: Evelyn and Bob Rifenburg, Wyatt Smith

#	Area Surveyed – Sector F	Start Time	End Time
1	Coopers Lake (Frozen)	09:30 AM	09:30 AM
2	Binnewater Lake (Frozen)	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
3	Williams Lake (Mostly frozen) (no birds)	10:45 AM	10:45 AM
4	Rondout Creek - toward Feather Farm	11:25 AM	11:35 AM
5	Rest Plaus Rd. (by old Mill)	11:36 AM	11:38 AM
6	Feather Farm (no birds)	11:40 AM	11:45 AM
7	Alligerville Bridge	11:50 AM	12:00 PM
8	Accord Bridge (Rt. 209)	01:05 PM	01:25 PM
9	High Falls Power Plant	01:30 PM	01:40 PM
10	Lake Katrine, Leggs Mills Bridge - Esopus Creek	02:30 PM	02:40 PM

Total	Species	Area →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	Canada Goose										2	
1	Mute Swan					1						
4	American Black Duck					4						
19	Mallard					4	9			2	4	
10	Common Merganser					2		5				3
36	TOTALS	Species: 5				11	9	5		2	6	3

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#	Area Surveyed – Sector F	Start Time	End Time
11	Lake Katrine (Van Etten Lane) - Esopus Creek	02:45 PM	02:55 PM
12	Sawkill Road - Sawkill Creek	03:00 PM	03:15 PM
13	Zena Bridge - Sawkill Creek	03:30 PM	03:35 PM
14	Zena - Kingston Reservoir #1	03:40 PM	03:45 PM
15	Zena - Kingston Reservoir #4 (Frozen)	03:50 PM	03:50 PM
16			
17			
18			
19			
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Total	Species	Area →	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1213	Canada Goose		1200	6		7						
17	Mallard		10		7							
2	Common Merganser					2						
4	Red-breasted Merganser					4						
1236	TOTALS	Species: 4	1210	6	7	13						
1272	SECTOR TOTALS		Species: 6	Notes:						Bald Eagles: 0 (A) 0 (Imm)		

Miscellaneous Reports

Date: January 15, 2006

Total	Species	Area Surveyed – G
4	Snow Goose	03:00 PM – Rt. 299 cornfield (farm market) west of New Paltz - Betsy Carswell
60	Canada Goose	
64	TOTALS	Species: 2 Notes: Bald Eagles: 0 (A) 0 (Imm)